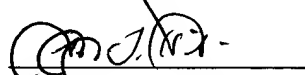


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Applicants believe the foregoing constitutes a complete response to the Office Action mailed March 29, 2000, and the Communication mailed August 30, 2000, and respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for ready allowance. An early Office Action to that effect is, therefore, earnestly solicited.

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